



ASSEMBLYMEMBER PEDRO NAVA
35TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

2007 Year End Review

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HOLIDAY 2007

From the wine country in the north to the strawberry fields in the south, the 35th Assembly District is California's heart and soul. It is an honor to represent the fine families who call this part of the central coast home. In 2007, working together, we introduced landmark legislation, the first of its kind in the country, to better protect the endangered California condor, made extra help available for high school seniors so they can pass the exit exam, saved the Safe Routes to School Program, improved health care for central coast residents and serving as Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, oversaw **\$228 million** delivered to Ventura and Santa Barbara counties to improve our highways and relieve traffic congestion. I appreciate your support and am grateful for your confidence and trust. We have prepared a brief summary of some of our work this year and I hope you find it informative. If you have any questions, please call our offices.

Looking Forward to 2008, *Pedro Nava*



EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM HELP

AB 347 provides \$72 million in statewide funding to ensure that high school students that have not passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) receive the tools and intensive instructional services to receive a high school diploma. Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties will receive \$2.1 million.



ENVIRONMENT

CONDOR PROTECTION

AB 821, The Ridley Tree Condor Preservation Act, landmark legislation that makes California the only state in the nation to ban the use of lead ammunition in condor habitat. Lead ammunition is the leading cause of condor death.



TRANSPORTATION

In 2007, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties secured over **\$228 million** in transportation funds while Assemblymember Nava served as the Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Transportation projects will create jobs, reduce congestion, make roadways safer, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Below is a listing of transportation funding Assemblymember Nava helped obtain:

Proposition 1B: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account: Widen State Route 101 to 6 lanes to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic operations and safety.

Amount Secured: \$131.6 million

State Transportation Improvement Plan: Allocated for City of Santa Barbara, for Route 101 from Cabrillo/Hot Springs Road to Milpas Bridge. Construct operational improvements, including adding auxiliary lanes, closing median ramps, and constructing a roundabout.

Amount Secured: \$53 million

State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP):

In the cities of Oxnard and Ventura, from Route 232 to Johnson Drive at Santa Clara River Bridge. Highway upgrades—plant 23.5 acres to improve sight distance and restore appearance of the landscape.

Amount Secured: \$1.8 million

Near Buellton, north of Route 1 to south of Route 246. Construct 2.6 centerline miles of concrete median barriers to reduce cross median collisions.

Amount Secured: \$5.1 million

Near Goleta, west of El Capitan State Park. Replace failed culvert to prevent roadway loss.

Amount Secured: \$975,000

Near Cuyama, east of Cottonwood Canyon Road to east of Cuyama River. Rehabilitate 31.1 lane miles by widening lanes, shoulders, and two bridges.

Amount secured: \$22,500,000

Near Buellton, north of Route 1 to south of Route 246. Construct 2.6 centerline miles of concrete median barriers to reduce cross median collisions.

Amount secured: \$5,116,000

In the cities of Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, at various locations. Upgrade metal beam guard rail and crash cushions at 40 locations to reduce the number and severity of collisions.

Amount secured: \$2,250,000

Agriculture Worker Transportation Program:

Provides safe, efficient, reliable and affordable transportation services, utilizing vans and buses, to agricultural workers commuting to/from worksites in rural areas statewide. Grants are awarded to counties.

Santa Barbara County: \$ 3,094,265

Ventura County: \$ 3,002,744



HEALTHCARE

INCREASED ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE

Co-authored AB 417, the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority, which will provide access to preventive and needed medical care by expanding Santa Barbara's successful Regional Health Authority Programs to San Luis Obispo County, increasing access to physicians and providing high-quality medicine for residents of both counties.

AUTISM AWARENESS

To increase awareness of this critical issue in our communities, Assemblymember Nava introduced House Resolution 11, which honors organizations that promote research into causes of Autism and offer support and advocacy for families of individuals with autism by declaring April 2007 as "Autism Awareness Month."



PUBLIC SAFETY

CREATED SAFER SCHOOL ZONES

Working with the local PTA, Nava authored Safer School Zones, AB 321. It empowers local governments to reduce speed limits to 15 mph on roads within 500 feet of a school, and to 25 mph on roads from 500 feet to 1000 feet of a school. Extending school zones and reducing the speed limit near schools will give children, parents, and crossing guards the protection they need.

SAVED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Co-authored AB 57, Safe Routes to School Program. The Safe Routes to School Program was set to expire. Nava's legislation extends indefinitely the popular Safe Routes to School Program. Local projects that will be funded because of the Safe Routes to School Program:

- City of Carpinteria awarded **\$450,000** to improved traffic safety at Canalino Elementary School, Carpinteria High School and Rincon High School.
- City of Santa Barbara awarded over **\$900,000** to construct the "Jake Boysel Multipurpose Pathway" in the memory of 12-year old Jake Boysel who was hit and killed by a motorist biking to school on Calle Real.

INCREASED HIGHWAY SAFETY FROM HAZARDOUS TANKER TRUCKS

Beginning January 1st, 2008, hazardous material tanker trucks will undergo more frequent safety inspections. Nava introduced AB 1612 in response to an accident this past April in the Bay Area (Oakland) at the MacArthur Maze (Hwy 880 and 580). A tanker truck, loaded with 8,600 gallons of gasoline, rolled over and burst into flames causing the meltdown and collapse of the highway. Increased physical inspections of hazardous materials carriers by the California Highway Patrol will result in greater compliance with safety regulations and increase the safety of California's highways.

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Sycamore Canyon Evacuation Route Opened

Assemblymember Nava coordinated with the Santa Barbara City Fire Department, the Montecito Fire District, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol and Caltrans to provide a viable evacuation route for the residents of Montecito and Santa Barbara. Nava requested that Caltrans install a "One Way Package" on Sycamore Canyon Rd. which includes a series of signs that directs motorists southbound - one way - on Sycamore Canyon Road. Caltrans met Nava's request the same evening. Gates will be opened and the CHP will increase patrols during Red Flag Days (Red Flag Days will be determined by local fire officials).

IN MEMORIUM

Two Oxnard soldiers that died while valiantly serving our country:



Spc. Jaime Rodriguez Jr.
U.S. Army (1987-2007)



Cpl. Gilberto Alejandro Meza
U.S. Army (1986-2007)

Community members who leave a lasting legacy for their selfless work on behalf of others:

Barry Siegel (Montecito) (1933-2007)

A tireless community activist who advocated for improved transportation services and enhancing the quality of life in the Central Coast.

Patrick Holden (Oxnard) (1921-2007)

A long time businessman, champion of the working class, and fixture in the Ventura County community. Known for his aphorisms that gave lessons in life and made people smile.

Rita Solinas (Santa Barbara) (1931-2007)

A longtime community activist who fought for justice for all, including farm workers and reproductive choice.

Robert John Hinostro (Oxnard) (1915-2007)

Distinguished for being Oxnard's first Latino Chief of Police and for unselfishly serving the Oxnard community throughout his accomplished life.

A Look Back at Our Honorees:



Lupe Anguiano was honored as the **35th Assembly District Woman of the Year** in a ceremony in Sacramento on March 5th, 2007 sponsored by the Legislative Women's Caucus. Lupe has been on the forefront of issues affecting women and the working class since 1949 when, as a nun, she worked to improve the social, educational and economic conditions of the poor. Since then, she worked with Cesar Chavez in the plight of farm workers, Gloria Steinem and Bella Abzug in helping to bring gender equity, and is currently active in environmental justice issues in her community of Oxnard.



Courtesy of Russell Steiger

Bernd Simon was recognized by Assemblymember Pedro Nava in the Chambers of the California State Assembly in a tribute to Survivors of the Holocaust. **California Holocaust Memorial Week** recognizes Holocaust survivors in the state and gives remembrance to the millions who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazi Regime. Mr. Simon was selected by Assemblymember Nava for his selfless and courageous sharing of his life's story to further a cause that is vital to our future and our children's future. In addition to the ceremony, the California State Assembly produces a book of essays each year with the stories that have been collected across the state. Over 60 Holocaust survivors were honored from throughout California. An Assembly Resolution was presented declaring April 16-20, 2007, "California Holocaust Memorial Week."

2007 AWARDS

- Humane Society of the United States Legislator of the Year Award
- State Coalition of Probation Organizations Legislator of the Year Award
- California State Parks Foundation Legacy Award
- Association of California School Administrators Friend of Education Award
- California Coastal Coalition and the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Award for advocacy and long history of protecting California's coast and wetlands
- California Association of Museums President's Award
- California Animal Association Award
- Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition Award for Contributions to Bicycling
- Southern California Contractors Association Legislator of the Year Award

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